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NWT Labour Force Activity

April 2016

Overview

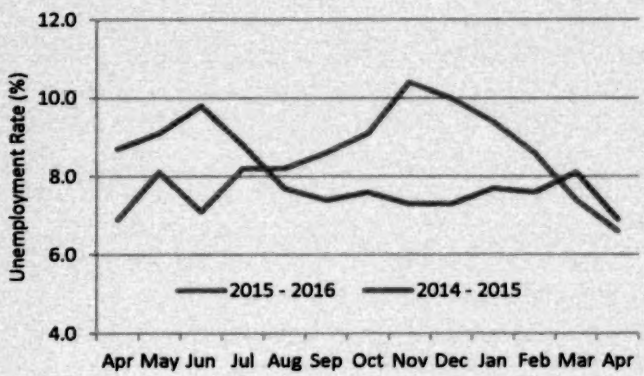
In April 2016, Statistics Canada estimated that 22,500 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories (NWT). This represents an employment rate of 69.4% which was the highest in Canada followed by Yukon (67.0%) and Alberta (66.4%). Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 60.2%.

Since April 2015, employment in the NWT increased by 4.2% or 900 persons.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories

	Apr-2016	Mar-2016	Apr-2015	Changes from Apr 2015 - Apr 2016	
				Number	%
Population 15+	32,400	32,300	32,100	300	0.9
Labour force	24,100	24,200	23,200	900	3.9
Employment	22,500	22,400	21,600	900	4.2
Full-time	19,500	19,500	19,000	500	2.6
Part-time	3,000	2,900	2,600	400	15.4
Unemployment	1,600	1,800	1,600	-	0.0
Participation rate (%)	74.4	74.9	72.3		
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	7.4	6.9		
Employment rate (%)	69.4	69.3	67.3		

Figure 1: Unemployment Rates during 12 Months, 2015-2016 and 2014-2015



At 6.6%, the NWT unemployment rate was lower than the national rate (7.6%) and it has been on the decline for five consecutive months. In 2014 –2015, unemployment rates were lower from August 2014 until February 2015 and more stable.

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EMPLOYMENT RATES BY KEY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Between April 2015 and April 2016, the employment rate increased by 1.5 percentage points for youths aged 15 to 24 and by 2.0 percentage points for those 25 years and older. The employment rate among aboriginal persons rose by 3.8 percentage points and the employment rate among non-aboriginal persons rose by 1.5 percentage points during the same period (Figure 2 and Figure 3).

Figure 2: Employment Rates by Age Group, April 2015 - April 2016

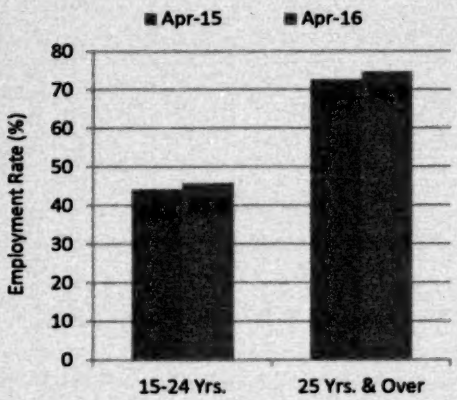
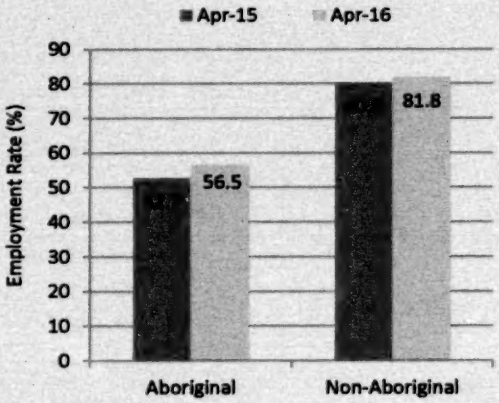


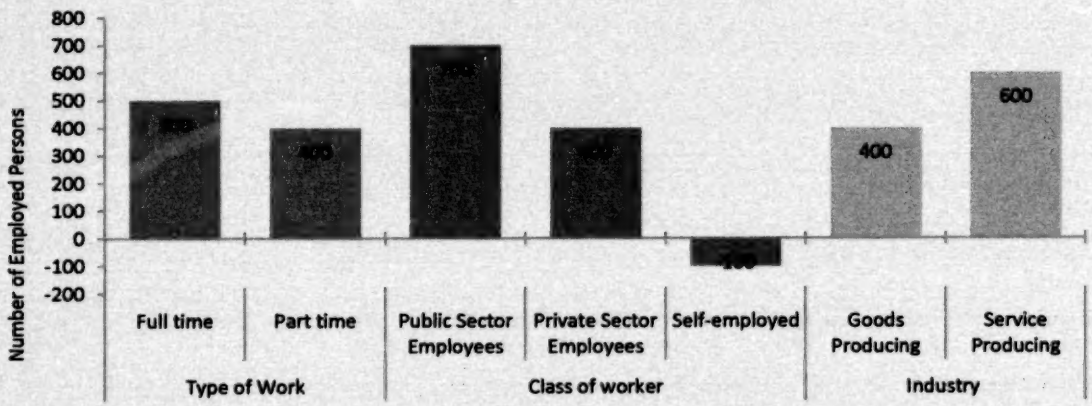
Figure 3: Employment Rates by Ethnicity, April 2015 - April 2016



EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF WORKER, CLASS OF WORKER & INDUSTRY

Compared to April 2015, full-time employment and part-time employment gained 500 and 400 jobs respectively. During the same period, employment in the public sector and the private sector increased by 700 and 400 persons respectively (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Changes in the Number of Employed Persons from Previous Year



HISTORICAL LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

Table 2: Labour Force Activity - Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Apr-16	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,600	8,200	74.4	6.6	69.4
Mar-16	32,300	24,200	22,400	1,800	8,000	74.9	7.4	69.3
Feb-16	32,200	24,400	22,300	2,100	7,800	75.8	8.6	69.3
Jan-16	32,100	24,400	22,100	2,300	7,600	76.0	9.4	68.8
Dec-15	32,000	24,100	21,700	2,400	7,900	75.3	10.0	67.8
Nov-15	31,900	24,000	21,500	2,500	8,000	75.2	10.4	67.4
Oct-15	31,900	24,100	21,900	2,200	7,700	75.5	9.1	68.7
Sep-15	31,800	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,500	76.4	8.6	69.8
Aug-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Jul-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Jun-15	31,900	23,800	22,200	1,700	8,000	74.6	7.1	69.6
May-15	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Previous Years:								
Apr-15	32,100	23,200	21,600	1,600	8,800	72.3	6.9	67.3
Apr-14	32,400	24,200	22,200	2,100	8,200	74.7	8.7	68.5
Apr-13	32,600	24,200	22,200	2,000	8,400	74.2	8.3	68.1
Apr-12	32,400	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,600	76.2	8.9	69.4
Apr-11	32,200	24,600	22,800	1,800	7,600	76.4	7.3	70.8
Apr-10	31,900	22,000	20,400	1,600	9,900	69.0	7.3	63.9
Apr-09	31,700	22,700	21,600	1,100	9,100	71.6	4.8	68.1
Apr-08	31,800	23,800	22,300	1,400	8,000	74.8	5.9	70.1
Apr-07	31,400	24,600	23,300	1,300	6,900	78.3	5.3	74.2
Apr-06	31,100	23,800	22,800	1,000	7,300	76.5	4.2	73.3

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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